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**CANDICE G. HENDRICKS APPOINTED
LEGISLATIVE LIAISON AT NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL**

TRENTON, NJ—Commissioner Ida L. Castro has announced the appointment of Candice G. Hendricks Esq. as the new Legislative Liaison at the New Jersey Department of Personnel.

As Legislative Liaison, Hendricks tracks and analyzes legislation, responds to legislative inquiries and requests, represents the Department at interdepartmental working groups and conducts lobby efforts before the Legislature. She also serves as the government records custodian for the Department and ensures compliance with the Open Public Records Act.

“Ms. Hendricks brings a wealth of legal experience to this post. Her proven record in managing legislative and civil rights issues will be a valuable asset in her role as Legislative Liaison,” commented Commissioner Castro.

Hendricks added: “I am pleased to join the DOP and I look forward to assisting Commissioner Castro in accomplishing the Department’s mission of ensuring fair and efficient human resources programs and services for New Jersey’s public workforce.”

Previously, Hendricks was the Director of Regulatory and Legal Affairs for the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA), where she served as in-house counsel to the State authority responsible for administering financial aid assistance for higher education. In this role, she was responsible for ensuring compliance with the Agency Code of Ethics and State Conflict of Interest Law, and promulgating administrative rules and regulations.

Before joining HESAA, Hendricks was a managing attorney with New Jersey Protection and Advocacy, the non-profit civil rights litigation agency. Prior to that, she worked for the New Jersey Department of Personnel as a personnel and labor analyst. Hendricks worked as a legislative aide for the late state senator, Wynona M. Lipman (who was the first black woman elected to the New Jersey Senate.) Hendricks tracked progress of proposed legislation through committees in the Senate and General Assembly. Additionally, in collaboration with the Office of Legislative Services, she drafted legislation that addressed concerns from constituents and government agencies.

Hendricks, a resident of Monmouth Junction, earned bachelor of arts and juris doctor degrees from Rutgers University, in New Brunswick and Newark, respectively. She is currently Legislative Coordinator, Minorities in the Profession section, Vice Chair of the Children's Rights Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association, and a member of the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey. She is a member of the New Jersey and New York State Bars, and received the New Jersey State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division Service to Community Award in 2002.

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The mission of the New Jersey Department of Personnel is to attract, develop and retain a high quality workforce for State, county and municipal governments and to partner with management and labor to develop a fair, efficient human resource delivery system rewarding quality, merit, and productivity.